

Amendments to the drawings:

Figure 8 is amended to illustrate a power tool as disclosed in paragraphs [0046] and [0048] of the Applicant's original application.

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted with a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R.1.136(a). Claims 1-10, 12-25, 27-29, 31-34, 36-42, 44-49 and 52-61 are pending in this application. The Examiner has indicated Claims 19-21, 24, 25, 34 and 36-42 are allowed. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-18, 27-29, 31-33, 44-49 and 52-61 are rejected. Claims 6 and 15 are objected to. No new matter is introduced with the submission of this paper.

The Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention that Claims 22, 23 are not provided with a status nor are they addressed in the Examiner's present Office Action. Claims 22 and 23 were addressed in the Applicant's 12/15/2005 reply and The Applicant believes Claims 22 and 23 are presently allowable but confirmation from The Examiner is requested in his next communication.

Paragraph [0046] of the specification is amended to correct an obvious, element numbering error and to remove the indication that a power tool is "(not shown)" in Figure 8. As summarized above, Figure 8 is also presently amended to illustrate a power tool as described in paragraphs [0046] and [0048] of the Applicant's original application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected Claims 46-49 and 52-57 under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner stated that the additional tool for actuating is not shown in the drawings nor discussed in the specification. The Applicant wishes to bring to his attention paragraphs [0046] and [0048] of the original application, where use of a “power tool” is indeed disclosed. The paragraphs disclose the use of the power tool to turn the head of the rod 275 and also the head of the bolt B. The Applicant amended paragraph [0046] and Figure 8 to add further clarity. The Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider his position and withdraw the rejection of Claims 46-49 and 52-57 in light of the above clarifications.

The Examiner rejected Claims 58-61 under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 58-61 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-14 and 16-17 as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 5,853,168 by Drake (Drake).

The Applicant canceled each of Independent Claims 1 and 10. The limitations of Claims 1 and 10 were included in amended Claims 6 and 15 respectively, as The Examiner helpfully suggested in item 8 of page 4 of the Present Office Action. The Applicant has amended Claims 3-5 and 7-9 to depend from amended Claim 6 and has amended Claims 12-14 and 16-17 to depend from amended Claim 15. As each of the amended Claims is presently directed to allowable subject matter, The Applicant respectfully requests The Examiner to reconsider his rejection in light of the foregoing arguments and amendments.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 10-14, 16-17, 46-49 and 52 as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,438,854 by Kott Jr. (Kott).

The Applicant canceled each of Independent Claims 1 and 10. The limitations of Claims 1 and 10 were added to presently amended Claims 6 and 15 respectively, as The Examiner helpfully suggested in item 8 on page 4 of the Present Office Action. The Applicant has amended Claims 3-5 and 7-8 to depend from amended Claim 6, and has amended Claims 12-14 and 16-17 to depend from amended Claim 15. Claim 46 was amended to include a 'power tool' for operation of the actuator, which is not disclosed by Kott. Kott discloses an actuator 15, which is hand-operated only. As each of the amended Claims is presently directed to allowable subject matter, The Applicant respectfully requests The Examiner to reconsider his rejection in light of the foregoing arguments and amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103(a)

It is unclear from paragraph 5 on page 3 of the Examiner's Office Action, which claims are rejected as being unpatentable over Benson (6658711) in view of Drake (5853168).

The Examiner rejected Claims 27-28, 31-33, 44-45 and 58-61 as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number 6,438,854 by Kott Jr. (Kott) in view of United States Patent Number 6,386,530 by Marks (Marks). Claims 27-28, 31-32, 44-45 and 58-61 are cancelled. Claim 33 is presently amended to merely define the size of the actuator to be identical to that of the second portion of the fastener. As neither Kott nor Marks, alone or in combination discloses, teaches or suggests the use of a power tool to operate the actuator, The Applicants assert the references fail to show each feature of the claimed invention and a Prima Facie case of obviousness does not exist. The Applicant respectfully requests The Examiner to reconsider his rejection in light of the foregoing cancellations, amendments and arguments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that Claims 19-20, 21, 24-25, 24 and 36-42 are allowed. The Applicant wishes to thank The Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

The Examiner also indicates Claims 6 and 15 are objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the

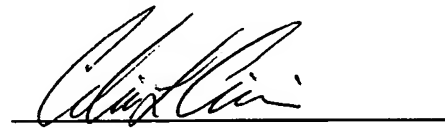
limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant applied The Examiner's suggestion and amended Claims 6 and 15 to incorporate all the limitations of base claims 1 and 10 respectively. The Applicant asserts that Claims 6 and 15 presently include allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing amendments, cancellations and arguments, The Applicant submits that each the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance. The Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayments, during the prosecution of this Application, to **Deposit Account Number 21-0279**.

If The Examiner believes a telephone conversation would help place the claims in even better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact The Applicant's Agent at the number listed below.

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